

a bill that every single Senator, Republican and Democrat and Independent, passed in the Senate. It simply states that we will protect the Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, you have probably noticed, as you came on to this Capitol, the intensity of force you see out in front of the Capitol. Is that because something is happening here today? No. It is in anticipation of a decision by the Supreme Court.

Everybody in the country knows that there could be a decision—not knowing which way it would go—but the anticipation is that people need protection in the Capitol.

At the same time that is happening, that you are protecting the Capitol, you are holding a bill to deny protection to those Justices.

It makes me wonder why. Why? Why, if 100 Senators approve it, would it hold here for an entire month?

Why, even after holding it for a month, somebody travels all the way across the country with one thing in mind, to kill a Supreme Court Justice, gets arrested, and still the Speaker of the House will not move that bill that the majority actually holds?

Just so the country can understand, no one on this side of the aisle, the Republican side of the aisle, objects to this bill. We agreed that we would agree to a unanimous consent.

All somebody had to do was make the motion and that could be on the President's desk; it could be signed; and they could be protected.

But for some reason, Mr. Speaker, the Democrats on the other side of the aisle, even though 100 Senators had agreed with us, everyone in your party on the Senate side said "yes," you still say "no."

I do not understand that. I do not understand why we would risk that. I do not understand why you will make sure the Capitol is protected right now, knowing that something could happen in the Supreme Court this week, but you won't protect those Justices.

Now, the Speaker came to the floor at a press conference last week and said nobody, no one, is in danger. How can you make that statement in the same week someone is arrested in your neighborhood trying to kill you? It makes no sense.

Mr. Speaker, if for some reason that we continue to come to the floor, that you feel some pressure on that bill, but you change it, the country will know why because if you change the bill and move it back to the Senate, you are trying to kill it. You are trying to delay it. That is exactly what you are doing.

You can take a bill that every single Senator voted for and send it to the President to be signed. If you think something else needs to be added, run it by itself.

But if you want to ping-pong it and delay the process, I think that is wrong. I think you are jeopardizing people's lives. I think you are jeopard-

izing the safety of the Supreme Court. I think you are playing more games than anybody in this country can understand, and we do not understand why because there has been no clear answer.

Why would you hold the bill for more than a month?

Why would you hold the bill after somebody is arrested who traveled across the country to kill a Justice? Why would you continue to hold the bill now?

If you change it, you are showing the country what you really believe. You don't want the bill to pass. You want to delay it longer.

There is no excuse. There is no reason to delay this bill. This should be law, and the Justices should be protected.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table S. 4160, the Supreme Court Police Parity Act, and ask for immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the House is in session solely for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate. Therefore, that unanimous consent request cannot be entertained.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, later in this day, it could. There is no excuse why this bill continues to be held, and there will be no excuse if you try to change it to delay it. That is just a tactic, Mr. Speaker, and I believe you thought it would be wrong as well.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. LURIA) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

You, O Lord, ruler of the universe, we call on You today. Make us aware of Your presence here in this place.

Gracious God, not a breath is taken, not a bird falls from the sky, without Your knowledge. Such knowledge is too wonderful to conceive and at other times a confounding mystery.

Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Remind us of Your abiding love which, by the gift of Your eternal spirit, You have never withheld from us from the beginning of time even unto today.

How wonderful it is to trust in Your sovereignty. How wonderful but how

terrible when we come face to face with the tragedies we simply cannot accept, nor in which can we see Your merciful hand at work.

Remind us again that You deigned to set the world in motion, then blessed us with the opportunity to participate in Your grace plan for creation. And with that blessing, which is truly beyond our imagining, You have also laid on us the mantle to uphold and protect the values You have imbued in us.

In our attempts to live into these responsibilities as they reveal themselves in each encounter, may we feel Your nearness to us, and the guidance and direction You provide.

We offer ourselves to You, responding with lives of faith and praying to serve You this day as a reflection of Your peaceful presence and unwavering love in our midst.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month, I honor influential Haitian leader Henri Christophe.

Born on the island of Grenada to immigrant parents, Christophe played a significant role in the American Revolution, serving as a sergeant in the French unit in Savannah, Georgia in 1780.

Christophe was among the 545 Haitian free slaves known as the Fontanges Legion, fighting for the freedom of men and women who desired to be freed from the shackles of oppression.

After the French forces were defeated and Haiti was declared an independent republic in 1803, Christophe was elected president of the northern State of Haiti in 1807. He was responsible for the construction of Citadelle Henry in Haiti, introduced a monetary system based on gourds, declared Catholicism as a state religion, and established schools and hospitals, including a basic school of medicine.